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Arizona Corporation Commission  
1200 West Washington Street  
Phoenix, Arizona 85007Re: Procedural Schedule, APS Financing Approval Application  
Docket No. E-01345A-02-0707

Dear Colleagues:

I very much appreciate your thoughtful responses to my October 11, 2002 letter regarding the Procedural Order in the APS financing docket. Upon reflection, I agree with many of your observations.

I ultimately concur with your independent conclusions that the hearing schedule in this matter should be accelerated, but if and only if the Hearing Division believes the matter can be resolved fully, fairly and with due deliberation.

Let me take a moment for two further thoughts. First, I am aware of the many issues before the Commission in a time of limited resources to deal with these complex cases. Hence my desire to inventory the universe of issues before us to determine priorities and ease the burden on Commission Staff by focusing our attention first on the most pressing and important matters.

Second, your well-written responses to my initial letter are exemplary of the open meeting process. Although exchange of correspondence is superficially onerous, the Commission's respect for the Open Meeting statute, and more importantly open government, is important to the people of Arizona. It is my fervent hope that this process continues after the expansion of the Commission's membership, and that our deliberations take place in a public forum rather than behind closed doors.

I congratulate my colleagues on the process in this specific docket, even where the result is not totally to my liking.

Very truly yours,

Marc Spitzer  
Commissioner

cc: All Parties on Record

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